

## CLAIMS

1. An oral composition in tablet form containing therapeutic amounts of alendronate sodium for release of the alendronate sodium in the stomach and by passing the oesophagus, comprising a compacted granulated core with the alendronate sodium embedded in an inert fiber matrix, lined with a moisture barrier film and enclosed in a sugar based inert fiber matrix shell.
2. An oral composition in tablet form containing therapeutic amounts of alendronate sodium as claimed in claim 1, in which the inert matrix for imbedding the alendronate sodium contains substantially hydroxy propyl methyl cellulose.
3. An oral composition in tablet form containing therapeutic amounts of alendronate sodium as claimed in claim 1, in which the inert fiber matrix for the shell contains substantially carboxy methyl cellulose.
4. An oral composition in tablet form containing therapeutic amounts of alendronate sodium as claimed in claim 1, in which the moisture barrier film is substantially shellac.
5. An oral composition in tablet form containing therapeutic amounts of alendronate sodium as claimed in claim 1, in which the moisture barrier film contains a mixture of shellac and ethyl cellulose.